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Skills

Programming: Python, C, JavaScript, SQL/Hive, Fortran, R, Matlab, Shell scripting
Tools: Pandas, SciPy, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Flask, Emcee, OpenMP, MPI
Machine/statistical learning: Logistic/linear regression, Random Forest, SVM, k-nearest neighbors, Bayesian inference modeling, Markov-Chain Monte Carlo, maximum likelihood estimation, bootstrapping/jackknife resampling, KS testing, minimum spanning tree algorithms, Gaussian mixture models, principal component analysis, kernel density estimation
Leadership: Mentored 8 PhD/MSc students, guiding them to publications and conference participations
Communication: $50+$ presentations at conferences/public events and 25 peer-reviewed publications

Experience

Insight Data Science, Boston, MA, *Fellow* — Since 06/2016
- Built STDand.Me, a web application for STD risk assessment using Flask, Bootstrap & D3
- Acquired, cleaned and analyzed CDC and Census data for 3143 US counties with Pandas
- Set up a PostgreSQL database for Census data on ZIP-code level with $> 30,000$ entries
- Trained and validated various regression models with Scikit-learn to predict STD rates

Columbia University, New York, NY, *Hubble Research Fellow* — Since 09/2013
- Measured the mass of the Milky Way by using Bayesian inference modeling with Markov-Chain Monte Carlo, and compared 10^7 tidal stream models to observational data
- Queried data from the SDSS database and analyzed it using kernel density estimation
- Studied dark matter clumping by producing and analyzing a data set of 10^9 stream stars
- Used unsupervised learning (PCA, Gaussian mixture models) for stream classification
- Organized several large international meetings and workshops (> 100 participants)

Yale University, New Haven, CT, *Research Fellow* — 2013
- Developed a Bayesian framework in Python/C for statistical modeling of tidal streams

Universität Bonn, Germany, *Postdoctoral Researcher* — 2011 – 2013
- Created a now widely used algorithm for efficient modeling of tidal streams, which reduces the time for model generation from days to seconds
- Performed maximum likelihood estimation on noisy telescope data
- Detected clumping in star cluster data using minimum spanning tree algorithms

Universität Bonn, Germany, *Graduate Student Researcher* — 2007 – 2011
- Studied the formation of tidal streams with high-performance N-body simulations
- Wrote a C library for the cleaning and analysis of large N-body datasets (many GB)
- Extracted insights from simulation data using linear/non-linear least-square fitting, k-nearest neighbor algorithms, KS testing and bootstrapping/jackknife resampling
- Published a popular open-source C/Fortran code for generating star cluster models

Education

Universität Bonn, Germany, PhD in Astrophysics, *summa cum laude* — 2011

Penn State University, PA, Bootcamp on Astrostatistics with R — 06/2010

Universität Bonn, Germany, Diplom in Physics (MSc equivalent) — 2007